



## KINDERGARTEN

Cypress Christian School faculty and staff actively seek to carry out the school's mission of honoring the Lord Jesus Christ by providing students an education based upon academic excellence and biblical values. The CCS environment permeates the kindergarten classrooms as students are integrated into the school setting in a manner that allows them to thrive academically, socially and spiritually.

### The CCS Advantage

- Kindergarten through 12th grade
- Academic excellence since 1978
- Accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and AdvancED
- Caring, committed Christian faculty who are degreed and professionally certified
- Biblical values integrated throughout the curriculum
- Comprehensive kindergarten program featuring phonics-based reading instruction
- Weekly chapel time to participate in worship and hear biblical messages
- Students are issued a Chromebook for classroom and home use.
- Weekly instruction in art, computer lab, library, music, physical education and PE lab
- Clear, timely communication
- Strong parent-teacher partnership
- Active parent involvement

### Curriculum

- Students receive standards-based instruction in the following classes: Bible, math, reading (including phonics), writing, handwriting, social studies, and science.
- Teachers are able to use a variety of research-based tools to help students progress through the grade level standards with mastery and a high emphasis on critical thinking.
- Students also participate in art, computer, library, science lab, music, PE and PE lab.

### Curriculum Objectives

- Academic excellence and biblical values starting at the kindergarten level
- Strong core classes:
  - **Reading/Language Arts** - phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, oral and written expression
  - **Math** - numbers, measurement, geometric and spatial relationships, telling time, counting money, patterns, data analysis, single-digit addition
- Proper handwriting skills
- Bible instruction and scripture memorization

## Standardized Testing

- Standardized achievement measures are administered throughout the year to students in grades K-5.
- CCS participates in the MAP Growth program. Student scores are compared with national norms and norms developed for schools across the country.

## Co-Curricular Activities and Events

- Field trips
- Homecoming, Field Day, Run-4-Fun
- Service projects
- Christmas program
- Elementary sports
- Holiday celebrations
- Grandparents and Special Friends Day

## Kindergarten Teachers

### MARY HROCH

Mary Hroch graduated from Texas A&M University with a B.S. in interdisciplinary studies. She is certified by ACSI and the state of Texas to teach early childhood through eighth grade and special education. Mrs. Hroch has more than ten years teaching experience in both public and private schools. She and her husband have two sons at CCS, and her family attends Houston Northwest Church. Mary believes God has called her to teach young children academics and the importance of knowing Christ as their Savior.

### KRISTI LACAZE

Kristi Lacaze graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University with a B.S. in interdisciplinary studies, specializing in early childhood and reading. She is certified by ACSI and the state of Texas to teach kindergarten through eighth grade. Mrs. Lacaze has taught early childhood and kindergarten in both the Spring and Cy-Fair Independent School Districts. She and her husband have been married for over twenty years and have two sons. Logan is a CCS Class of 2018 graduate, and Carson is a current senior. Kristi believes it is a blessing that God has placed her at Cypress Christian School. She is excited to plant seeds for her students to blossom academically and spiritually.

### DEAN ROBERTS

DeAn Roberts graduated from Mississippi College with a B.S. in education. DeAn is certified by ACSI and the state of Texas to teach kindergarten through eighth grade, as well as ESL (English as a Second Language). She has taught first grade in several districts in the state of Texas. DeAn spent sixteen years of ministry in early childhood education at Lamb School, both in the classroom and as the Assistant Director. She feels blessed to be able to serve the Lord alongside the faculty, staff and administration of CCS and looks forward to loving and pouring into children and their families. DeAn is married and has two children who are now CCS alumni.